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REMARKS

Claims 1 to 20 are currently pending. Claims 1 to 4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 6,078,710 (Li et al) in view of United States Patent No. 6,567,578 (Zhang). Claim 12 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 6,008,920 (Hendrix). Claims 13 to 16 and 18 to 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hendrix in view of Zhang. Claims 5 to 11 have been allowed, and claim 17 is allowable, if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The claims of the application have been amended to overcome the objections of the Examiner and to better define the invention in light of the prior art. In particular, claims 1 to 4 have been cancelled, and claim 12 has been amended to include the features of claims 15 and 17. The dependency of claim 18 has been changed in accordance with the aforementioned amendment.

Claim 21 has been added to ensure all aspects of the invention are protected.

As such, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims remaining in the application are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration would be appreciated.

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